

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
EMPLOYEE PAINTERS' TRUST, et
al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHAMPION PAINTING SPECIALTY
SERVICES CORP, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C21-858 MJP

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Old Republic Surety Company's Stipulated Motion for Substitution of Counsel. (Dkt. No. 29.) Having reviewed the Motion, the Court DENIES it without prejudice.

Old Republic seeks to substitute its existing counsel who is admitted to practice before this Court with an attorney who represents several other defendants and who has only been admitted to appear pro hac vice. Under the Local Rules, a party who is represented by an attorney admitted pro hac vice "must also be represented by local counsel." Local Rule

1 83.1(d)(1). Local counsel is an attorney “with a physical office within the geographic boundaries
2 of the Western District of Washington and be admitted to practice before this court.” Local Rule
3 83.1(d)(2). In order for Old Republic to substitute its existing counsel for counsel appearing pro
4 hac vice, it must also obtain local counsel as required by Local Rule 83.1(d)(1). The Court
5 therefore DENIES the Motion without prejudice and will reconsider a renewed motion that
6 addresses the issues identified in this Order.

7 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

8 Dated December 29, 2021.

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10 Marsha J. Pechman
11 United States Senior District Judge
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